# ALLEGED COERCION

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to of the trust or the combination,
rike of the labor union, the cloak
"competition that is the life of
now and then thrown around itrecriain commercial organizations,
sittle is to be fought on this line,
plaintiff alleges that he has been
the victim of an unlawful and maconspiracy: the defense claims
t had legitimate interests to prond legitimate purposes to serve by
leged combination, and that it did
it maliciously or wantonly. Counsel
e complainant goes further and arn general against all such coercion
malicious combinations," calling upport of his contention instances of
and boycoits and threatened boy,
by employers and others. A hice
of technicalities serves further to
leate the already complex case,
citation of authorities was somestupendous in its way. Banks of
sooks surrounded the attorneys as
spoke. Decision after decision was
ced and read. The courts have
very fully with the questions, and
numbered series of cases that are
ore or less connected have to say
roing them. They were nearly all
o good purpose yesterday.

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een gone into, and that this would only consume the entire day. Mr. m L. Royall represented the plained Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., and Mr. t. K. Pollock the defendants. The tent was before Judge John H. Inthe distinguished judge of the Law

n, the distinguished was a feath of care was a suit for damages ught by Charles M. Meighan against gan R. Mills, John W. Anderson, John Rose, John H. Rose, Richmond Plumb-Rose, John H. Gempany, a corporation;

olumber belonging to the union was e any material furnished by the of the house in which a job was performed. The material must be ned by the plumber himself, and the

to be performed. The inherial must be furnished by the plumber himself, and the plumber must buy from the merchants, all associated in the conspiracy. Every merchant was to put a price on his goods and advertise the same to the public, but they were to make a discount on prices to all plumbers, members of the union, of from twenty-five to fifty per cent, and to send out circulars to the plumbers containing this information. The plumber was to buy from one of the said merchants and was to require the owner of the house to pay him for the materials according to the advertised price, and no merchant was to sell to any plumber not a member of the union.

"The defendants maliciously and unlawfully agreed to this as above stated as their plot and conspiracy, and each member of said union, whether a voluntary member or coerced into joining, was com-

pplies to any plumber not a mem

failure to bid on Mrs. Wheelwright's plumbing, and this is too remote. He might have bid and not received the contract, but even then it was necessary for Bargamin to refuse because of defendants' wrongful conduct before the latter

### Brilliant Argument.

The argument was long and brilliant.

disad to join and the defendants resolved to boycott him and cut him off from all sources of supply, necessary to him in the conduct of his business. They did so and kept him cut off in this manner for a year. They notined all the supply merchants (members of the union) and forbade them to sell to the plaintiff. In July, 1903, plaintiff applied, he says, to G. & A. Bargamin Co., who refused to sell to him, stating as their reason that he was not a member of the union and that they were forbidden to sell to no-members. Bimilar applications to the Southern Railway Supply Company and to the Gordon Metal Co. were similarly received. The plaintiff was eventually compelled to send to Baltimore to get his stuff.

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make known his decision as soon as he and looked into the eminent authorities tited on either side.

to be such as to threaten the integrity of the United States. He argued that, according to precedents, the de facto government of Panama has no right to transfer territory, but he declared that the President knew that by his recognition of Panama alone could he acquire a concession there. Indeed, he asserted that in the prospect of securing this acquisition was found the only motive for the President's recognition. He declared that President Roosevelt's interference in Colombia's affairs on the 1sthmus was unjustified by the Constitution. unjustified by the Constitution, he would not yote to ratify the one by the President.

WANTS ASSISTANCE.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow

# (By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .-- With the re-

A privileged resolution, detection of the tertial statements contained in the Eristow postoffice report reflected upon the membership of the House. It provided for an investigation by a committee of five, to be appointed by the Speaker.

The resolution recites that the Bristow report charged that long time leases for postoffice premises were cancelled and rent increased upon the recommendation of influential representatives; that Beavers allowed increases in clerk hire on the request of members of Congress regardies of the merits of the case; and that Leavers made contracts with members of Congress for rental of premises. The resolution asserts these charges and others reflect on the integrity of the members of the House.

A point of order made against the resolution by Mr. Gardner (Republican, New Jersey) was overruled, and the previous question was moved by Mr. Hay. Mr. Payne (Republican, New York) desired to move its reference to the Postoffice Committee for consideration, but this was declared not in order. The vote on ordering the previous question for the House adjourned.

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greatly below those made to the domestic confirmer. In other matters vitally affecting both our loreign and domestic affairs, the Democratic party will first of all standier a pacific instead of a militant republic; for appeal to the last resort of kings only in legitimate self-defence, and not our criminal aggression; for an army and neer commensurate with actual needs, but not used either as playthings or to tailly the weak or provoke the strong; in short, for the things that make for leace and not for war.

The Democratic party will also stand for the supremacy of law; for law for nations no less than for individuals; for law for the greatest as not exempted

Return to Sanity.

Nations, like individuals, will have their spasms of excitement, their emotional and ungovernable moods, which set at defince all their normal habits of thought was action.

## The Governor's Speech.

Governor A. J. Montague, of Virginia, who followed Mr. Olney, said in part: "At this period in our party affairs the

may see coming to every fireside and to every hand an equality of opportunity and of the fireside and to every hand an equality of opportunity and of right and of duty, the Republic's best gift.

Former Governor David B. Hill was greeted with loud applause when in his streductory remarks he eulogized the leadership of Charles F. Murphy, and predicted that Mayor McClelian would succeed him as Governor of the State and precede him in the White House.

Cheen Calley Disy.

## Cheap Gallery Play.

Mr. IIIII characterized the course of President Roosevelt in the Panama affair as "a species of contemptible machination, unworthy of the head of a great nation," prompted by personal ambitton and a desire to startle and dazzle the people—"part and parcel of a political scheme to prematurely force his own nomination for the Presidency, and to preclude the consideration of the name of any other candidate within his own party, and a cheap and transparent play to the guileties."

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Congress, he said, alone has power to declare war, and yet the spectacle is presented at this hour of the naval forces of the United States being used to prevent a sister republic from exercising the lawful function of suppressing a rebellion against its legitimate authority within its own orders.

Mr. Hill declared it "the duty of Democracy to resist the consummation of this outrage," and urged the rejection of the treaty in the Senate.

Mr. Hill next took up conditions in the army, speaking of "the studied insuit to Lieutenant-General Miles" in the order announcing his retirement from the army, and "the constant and persistent endeavor to confer upon personal favorites of the President the highest offices in the army, regardless of length of service, gallant conduct or individual fitness."

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Mr. Hill criticised the detailing of naval vesels in the vicinty of the President's home at Oyster Bay, and declared the omission of reference to General George B. McClellan in the President's oration at Antietam, "an exhibition of monumental littleness," and criticised him for failure to pay greater tribute to President Jefferson in his Louisiana Purchase address at St. Louis.

Mr. Hill continued:

"The considerations to which I previously alluded, and others to which I need not now refer, have been steadily and surely creating a profound conviction in the public mind, and especially among thoughtful men, that a change in the pervi

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# Greeting From Bryan.

the Democratic outlook. At the concuision of his address, Mr. DeArmond read a message of greeting from William J. Bryan, as follows: "William J. Bryan sends greetings to the Democrats assembled at Sherry's. I wish you a happy New Year, and hope you will have a brilliant success. My heart is with you. Do not forget the Wostern Democrat who polled 5,090,000 vctes in 1960."

Tremendous applause followed the read-ing of Mr. Bryan's words.

# CITY TAKES STEPS

or other entertainment to be provided with a sufficient number of doors (satisfactory to the chief of the fire department) open to the chief of the fire department) open ing outwards and leading to the ground to furnish ample means of agress for the occupants in case of fire, and provides that all of these doors shall be kept unlocked during the entire time the building or hall is occupied, and shall be thrown open at the end of each performance to enable the occupants to pass out and to familiarize themselves with the location of the various means of egress, and.

location of the various means, escapand, "Whereas, the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Board of Police Commissioners are specially requested in said ordinance to see that the provisions therefor are strictly enforced; therefore, be it "Resolved by the Common Council, That the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Board of Police Commissioners be, and they are hereby requested to inform this body whether or not the terms of the said ordinance have been and are strictly enforced. And be it further "Resolved, That the Board of Fire Com-

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ity Engineer, be and they are hereby safety of inmates in case of fire, and to

An Important Conference.

On Saturday Chief of Police Howard

public hall, to be manned constant public half, to be manned constantly dur-ing a performance by an experienced fireman, who should be ready upon an instant's notice to turn on the water. The suggestion was also made that the managers and owners of all such places of amusement be compelled to provide appears or other safety curtain, to be used in case of fire.
Cwing to the anticipated action on the

inctter by Council, the gentlemen in the conference adopted no specific resolu-tions. They merely made suggestions, which were designed to be taken up by municipal bodies.

## Fire Board's Action.

The guestion was seriously discussed at the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners has night. This body, however, took no definite action, pending the proceedings in Council, and fine action was postponed for a called meaning which may be held this week.

During the discussion the sense of the body was clearly shown to be for quick action.

A resolution presented by Captain

A resolution presented by Captain Charles F. Taylor, designed to bridge eyer the matter temporarily, was adouted. The resolution instruts the chief of the Fire Department to inspect the theatres at once and do what he thinks is theatres at once and do what he thinks is best for the safety of all concerned. In the general discussion Captain Taylor thought the best plan to be the installation of a plug on the stages, with the constant presence of a fireman, whose duty it would be to test his apparatus before every performance.

This arrangement met it approval of the other members, and the indication was that when the authority is given the

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that when the authority is given the Board by Council, such an arrangement as that referred to will be made.

Water Curtain.

water would reassure the people in Captain Taylor, Mr. Lecky

fires and panies, and he felt that his 'water curtain' was the only sure

Managers Interested.

Manager McKee said an asbestos curtain would be installed in the Bljour Theatre and that a fire escape would be erected on the Eighth Street side, leading from the balcony to the street.

The managers of both the theatres are as alive to the situation as are the citizens and the officials, and they express themselves as being perfectly wining to act in harmony with the Fire Board in whatever they may do.

Present Ordinance.

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The present ordinance concerning the greater security of public buildings was approved by Mayor Taylor on May 17,

This ordinance requires that all public buildings, such as theatres, hotels, school houses, halls, etc., shall be so constructed as to facilitate egrees in case of fire or panic, to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Fire Department, and the City

of the Fire Department, and the City Engineer. Failure to comply with the provision of the ordinance makes the owner or lessee liable to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.

There are a number of public halls scattered about the city. Several are on Church Hill; some in the central section of the city; some in the West End, and others in the northern section of the city; Many of these halls are over stores, with small entrances on the side. Others are on the third floor of buildings with narrow staircases as entrances. All of these will be examined by Chief Puller, and his recommendations will be made with reference to them all.

## REVERSED DECISION OF STATE COURT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4 .- The The question of a curtain was not touched upon. A suggestion made by Manager Walter Fessier, of "The Great White Dlamend" Company, now at the Bijou Theatre, was looked upon favorion by Justice McKenna to-day, reversed Blow Theatre, was looked upon favorably, however.

Mr. Fessier's suggestion was that of a "water curtain," which means a perforated water ripe aranged around the proscenium arch of the theatre. This pine should be connected directly with the ping. At the outbreak of a fire the simple turning of a cock on the stage would cause the proscenium pipe to fill with water, which would be forced through the holes in the pipe in such a way as in form a perfect sheet of water between State of Louisiana in the case of the